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County Business Patterns, 1988-1996 Diskette
Extract *[machine-readable data file] / prepared by the Bureau of the Census. --Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], 1998.*

Type of File

Summary statistics.

Universe Description

The universe is all business establishments with one or more paid employees. Data are not included for agriculture production, railroad, most government, or household employment. Data for the 1984-1987 County Business Patterns are tabulated by kinds-of-business categories based on the 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, including the 1977 supplement. Data for 1988 and later years are based on the 1987 SIC designations.

Subject-Matter Description

This file provides data on total number of establishments, mid-March employment, annual payroll, and number of establishments by nine (9) employment size classes. Although data in County Business Patterns reports are not shown for SIC's with fewer than 100 employees in a given area at the county level, there is no such restriction on the diskette extracts. This series excludes governmental establishments classified in the covered industries except for liquor stores and wholesale liquor establishments operated by State and local governments; all government hospitals are included beginning with 1989 data.

U.S. Summary File contains information for all 2-, 3-, and 4-digit SIC codes.

State and county files provide data at the **2-digit SIC code level** only.

Geographic Coverage

United States, 50 States, the District of Columbia, and counties. Data for Puerto Rico are released only in publication format.

Technical Description

File Medium: 3½ in. diskette.

File Structure: Variable length record; comma-delimited format.

File Size: Each U. S. Summary and State record has 15 data fields, separated by comma (,) delimiters. Each county record has 16 data fields, separated by comma (,) delimiters.

File Sort Sequence: U.S. Summary File-2-, 3-, and 4-digit SIC code. State File-FIPS State code by 2-digit SIC code. County File-FIPS State code and FIPS county code by 2-digit SIC code.

Reference Materials

County Business Patterns, 1988-1996 Diskette Extract Technical Documentation. The documentation contains this abstract, other information about the file, and data dictionaries. One copy accompanies any file order. When ordered separately, it is available from Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center, Washington, DC 20233. Telephone: 301-457-4100.

Related Printed Reports

U.S. Bureau of the Census. *County Business Patterns, 1996.* Fifty-three reports were issued: One for each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and a U.S. Summary. Similar report series were issued for the earlier years. These reports are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Price varies by report. For ordering information, contact Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Telephone: 301-457-4100. Printed reports also are available on the Census Bureau's Internet site at <http://www.census.gov>

Related Computer Tape Files

County Business Patterns data also are available on computer tape files. These tapes provide the maximum 2-, 3-, and 4-digit SIC detail possible for each area. Files for 1988-1996 are available from Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center, Washington, DC 20233. Telephone: 301-457-4100. Files for 1974-1987 are available from the National Archives and Records Administration. 301-713-6630.

CD-ROM

County Business Patterns data also are available on compact disc-read only memory (CD-ROM) beginning with the 1986 series. Each disc provides the maximum 2-, 3-, and 4-digit SIC detail possible for each area. For further information, contact Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Telephone: 301-457-4100.

File Availability

Files for 1988-1991 are available on 5¼ in. flexible diskettes in IBM PC high-density format. The 1992-1996 files are available on 3½ in. diskettes in IBM PC high-density format. To order, use the diskette order form on the following page or contact Customer Services. Files for 1984-1987 are no longer available.

ORDER FORM

1988-1996 COUNTY BUSINESS PATTERNS DISKETTES

County Business Patterns data on diskettes are available for 1988-1996 only as a complete package for each year. These data are in special archived format which substantially reduces the number of diskettes required compared to previous years. **Data are still at the 2-digit SIC level** and SIC codes as well as FIPS State/county code files are included.

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